

I LOVED THAT DEAR OLD FLAG THE BEST.

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Rev. M. P. GADDIS relates the following touching incident:—

"A young soldier belonging to one of the Minnesota Regiments was dying from wounds received in battle; he requested me to get him the pictures of his mother and sister from his knapsack. After kissing them tenderly, he raised his tear-dimmed eyes till they rested on a flag at the end of the hospital, when his eyes grew bright as he exclaimed, 'Oh, Chaplain! I loved my dear old mother and sister, but I loved that dear old Flag the best.'"

Look within my knapsack,
You will find them there.
Pictures of my mother,
And of sister dear.
Let me once more see them,
Ere my Life is past.
Once more let me kiss them.
It will be my last.

CHORUS.

I wept when I bade my mother adieu,
My sister was clasped to my breast,
And they knew that I loved them fondly and true,
But I loved that dear old flag the best.

Tell them very gently,
When you've lain me low,
Should it come too roughly.
They would die, I know,
Tell them that at parting,
I did sigh for them,
Tell them that in Heaven,
We will meet again.

CHORUS.—I wept, &c.

Raise me while the twilight
Lingers o'er the plain,
Let me see that Old Flag,
Floating once again.
Let me see its bright stars,
Gleaming in the sun,
Let me see its broad stripes,
Ere the day is done.

CHORUS.

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When in death I'm sleeping,
That Old Flag shall wave,
O'er our States United,
And o'er treason's grave.
Peace and plenty smiling
O'er each happy home,
Bringing nought but gladness
In the days to come.

CHORUS.—I wept &c.

NEW SONGS.

Seven Days Fight.
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Yankee Generals.
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Ham Fat Man.
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Our Country's Flag.
Good Bye, or Soldier's Farewell.
Col. Owen's Irish Volunteers.
Vive l'America,

Sons of Columbia.
Save the Union.
When This Cruel War is over.
Ellsworth's Avengers.
Death of John Brown.
Old Mountain Tree.
Battle of Fair Oaks, Va.
We are for the Union.
We will have the Union Still.
I Want to be a Soldier.
Captain with the Whiskers.
To a Soldier's Sister.
Gallant 69th Pa Volunteers.

Up with the Flag.
Goose Hangs High.
God Save the Union.
Hail to the Union.
Torn Flag.
Abraham's Daughter.
Liberty Tree.
Effie Lane, [600,000 more.
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Soldier's Burlal.
Jockey Hat and Feather.
Kingdom Coming,
Rock Me to Sleep, Mother

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Written by J. Edgar Wilson

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When I think of the old flag
That flew over the land
I feel a great longing
For the days when I was young
And the world was so bright
And the future so fair
I wish I could see it
As it once appeared there

For I loved that old flag
That flew over the land
I loved the stars and stripes
That waved in the wind
I loved the colors so bright
That shone in the sun
I loved the flag so well
That I loved the land

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